



Key Scripture:

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given...

Expecting God...

Luke 2:4-7 NIV

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Why don't we expect God?

1 John 5:14-15 NKJV

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

✓ **We lack confidence.**

1 John 5:14a NKJV

Now ***this is the confidence that we have in Him...***

✓ **We don't know His will.**

1 John 5:14b NKJV

if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

✓ **We think God will hold back His goodness.**

1 John 5:15b NKJV

we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Luke 2:8-12 NIV

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David **a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord**. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

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Real Life Christmas

Expecting God

How to expect God...

1. **Remain faithful over what the Lord has given you.**

Luke 2:8 NIV

And there were ***shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks*** at night.

2. **Respond quickly in obedience.**

Luke 2:15-16 NCV

15 When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "***Let's go to Bethlehem***. Let's see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about." 16 So ***the shepherds went quickly*** and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a feeding box.

3. **Repeat the Good News to everyone.**

Luke 2:17-19 NASU

17 When they had seen this, ***they made known the statement*** which had been told them about this Child.

18 And ***all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds***.

19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.

4. **Rejoice in the Lord by giving Him praise & glory!**

Luke 2:20 NLT

The ***shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God*** for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

5. **Receive and believe the Good News of Jesus!**

John 20:29 NLT

Then Jesus told him, "***You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Me.***"

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